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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and reexamination of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 2, and 10 have been amended to correct formal issues only. Revisions to claims 1, 2, and 10 are supported, for instance, in the subject matter of original claim 6 and at page 34, first full paragraph of Applicants' disclosure. Editorial changes have been made to claims 5, 6 and 17. Claims 9 and 19 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20 remain pending in this application. Claim 20 has been allowed. Claims 1-8 and 10-18 have been considered allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome.

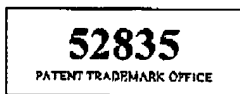
Claims 1-5, and 7-19 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1, 2, and 10 have been amended to delete the "configured to" language. Claims 1, 2, and 10, as amended, include an actuator to drive the intake apparatus and intake control valves respectively recited. That is, the actuator drives the intake apparatus or intake control valves in response to engine rotation. (See for example page 34, first full paragraph and original claim 6.) Thus, the recited actuator provides sufficient structure for the intake apparatus and control valves to be responsive to engine speed. Furthermore, claims 9 and 19 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot with respect to these claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectively submit that the pending claims are definite.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectively requested.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the pending claims are allowable. Favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney listed below.

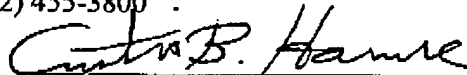


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